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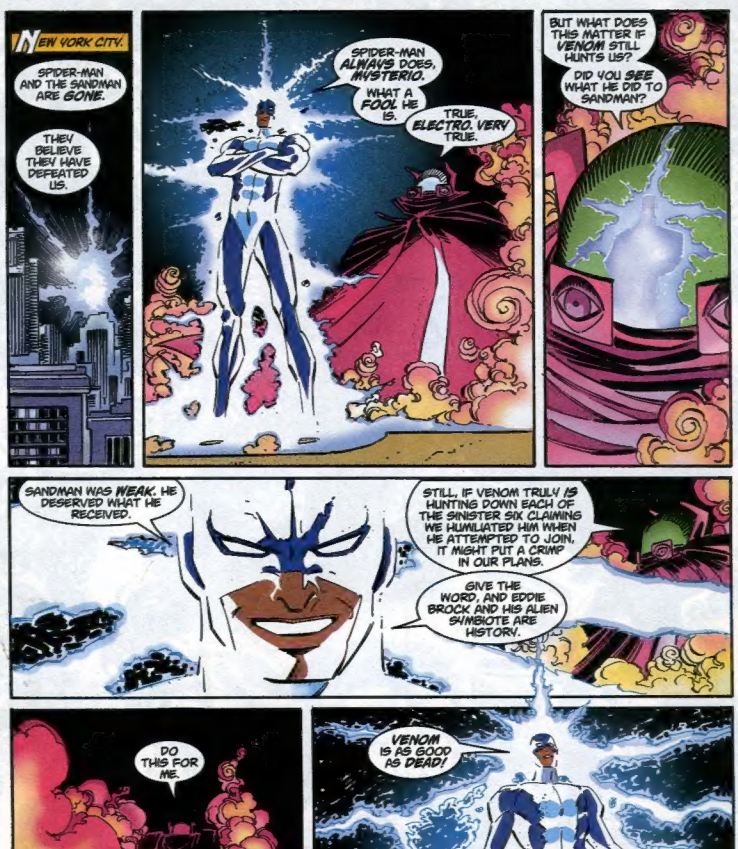
NEW YORK CITY.
SPIDER-MAN AND THE SANDMAN ARE GONE.
THEY BELIEVE THEY HAVE DEFEATED US.
SPIDER-MAN ALWAYS DOES, MYSTERIO.
WHAT A FOOL HE IS.
TRUE. ELECTRO. VERY TRUE.
BUT WHAT DOES THIS MATTER IF VENOM STILL HUNTS US?
DID YOU SEE WHAT HE DID TO SANDMAN?
SANDMAN WAS WEAK. HE DESERVED WHAT HE RECEIVED.
STILL, IF VENOM TRULY IS HUNTING DOWN EACH OF THE SINISTER SIX CLAIMING WE HUMILIATED HIM WHEN HE ATTEMPTED TO JOIN, IT MIGHT PUT A CRIMP IN OUR PLANS.
GIVE THE WORD, AND EDDIE BROCK AND HIS ALIEN SYMBIOTE ARE HISTORY.
DO THIS FOR ME.
VENOM IS AS GOOD AS DEAD!

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THEY SAY GOOD THINGS COME TO THOSE WHO WAIT!
THEY ARE RIGHT!
I THOUGHT I'D HAVE TO TEAR THE TOWN APART, SUCK BRAINS ALL OVER THE PLACE TO FIND THE REST OF YOUR SINISTER SIX AFTER WHAT I DID TO YOUR LEADER!"

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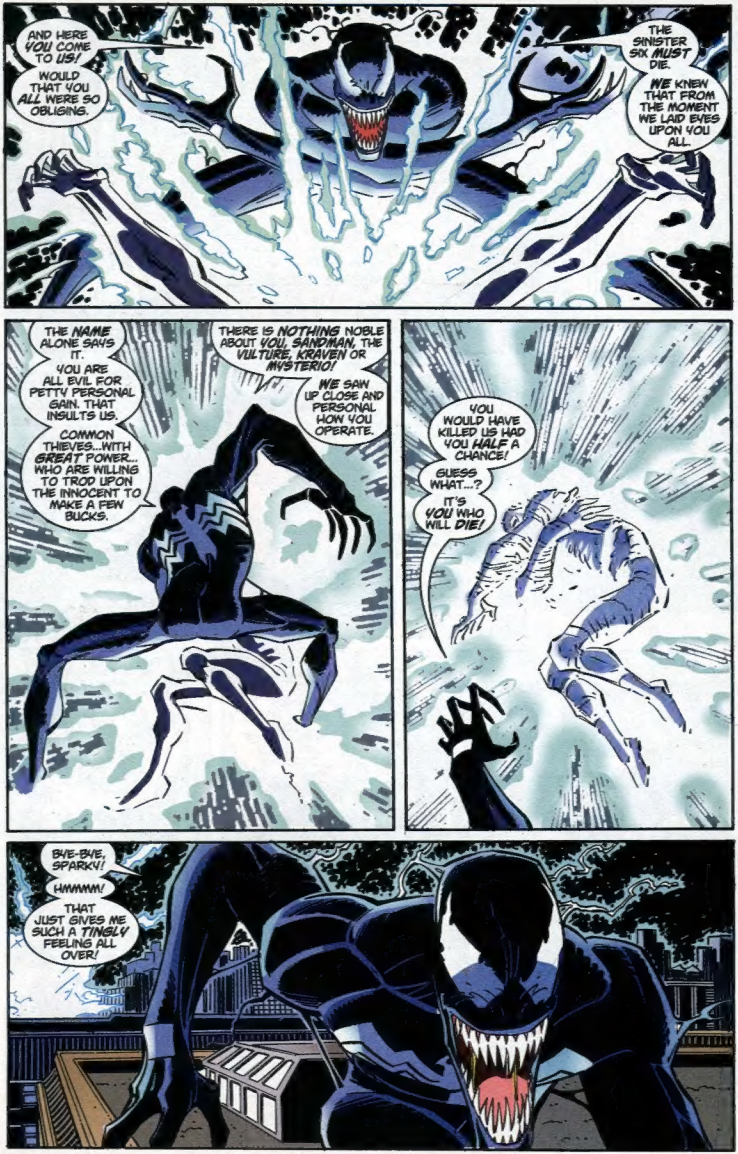
AT A DEMONSTRATION ON RADIATION, HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT PETER PARKER WAS BITTEN BY AN IRRADIATED SPIDER FROM WHICH HE GAINED THE ARACHNID'S INCREDIBLE ABILITIES. WHEN A BURGLAR KILLED HIS BELOVED UNCLE BEN, A GRIEF-STRICKEN PETER VOWED TO USE HIS GREAT POWERS IN THE SERVICE OF HIS FELLOW MAN, BECAUSE HE LEARNED AN INVALUABLE LESSON: WITH GREAT POWER MUST ALSO COME GREAT RESPONSIBILITY.

STAN LEE PRESENTS:
PETER PARKER, SPIDER-MAN

NIGHT of the HUNTERS


AND HERE YOU COME TO US!
WOULD THAT YOU ALL WERE SO OBLIGING.
THE SINISTER SIX MUST DIE.
WE KNEW THAT FROM THE MOMENT WE LAID EYES UPON YOU ALL.
THE NAME ALONE SAYS IT.
YOU ARE ALL EVIL FOR PETTY PERSONAL GAIN. THAT INSULTS US.
COMMON THIEVES...WITH GREAT POWER... WHO ARE WILLING TO TROD UPON THE INNOCENT TO MAKE A FEW BUCKS.
THERE IS NOTHING NOBLE ABOUT YOU, SANDMAN, THE VULTURE, KRAVEN OR MYSTERIO!
WE SAW UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL HOW YOU OPERATE.
YOU WOULD HAVE KILLED US HAD YOU HALF A CHANCE!
GUESS WHAT...?
IT'S YOU WHO WILL DIE!
BYE-BYE, SPARKY!
HMMMM!
THAT JUST GIVES ME SUCH A TINGLY FEELING ALL OVER!

THE DAILY BUGLE...
...THESE ARE CLASSIC SHOTS! SANDMAN... VENOM — AND SPIDER-MAN!
I DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH CLEARER I CAN BE, PARKER...
...I AM NOT BUYING ANY MORE SPIDER-MAN SHOTS!
BUT, JONAH...
I'M SORRY, PETER, BUT, AS I'VE TOLD YOU BEFORE... I'VE FINALLY DECIDED TO LISTEN TO ROBBIE AND THE REST OF THE STAFF AND TAKE MY PERSONAL AGENDA OUT OF THE PAGES OF THE BUGLE.
CIRCULATION IS DOWN. SPIDER-MAN'S UGLY MUG IS PROBABLY RESPONSIBLE.
I KNOW YOU NEED THE CASH, BUT...
...MAYBE YOU SHOULD TRY TAKING SOME PICTURES OF SOMETHING ELSE FOR A CHANGE.
THEN COME BACK AND SEE ME!
YEAH... THANKS.
WHAT IS GOING ON HERE?
SINCE WHEN DOES J. JONAH JAMESON EVER LISTEN TO REASON?
THERE'S GOT TO BE SOMETHING MORE!
I STILL DON'T KNOW IF JONAH GOT A PEEK BENEATH MY MASK WHEN I COLLAPSED AFTER SAVING HIM FROM VENOM ON THAT CHURCH ROOFTOP.
I'VE GOT TO KNOW!
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JONAH!
WHAT IS IT NOW, PARKER?
I'VE GOT TO KNOW SOMETHING I -- I -- DON'T KNOW HOW TO SAY THIS, BUT...ER --
WHAT IS IT, PARKER?
YOU THINK I'VE GOT ALL THE TIME IN THE WORLD?
I'M TRYING TO PUBLISH A NEWSPAPER HERE.
SPIT IT OUT!
PROBABLY BE GOOD FOR YOU TO GET WHATEVER IT IS OFF YOUR CHEST.
YOU'RE LOOKING TIRED, PARKER.
BURNING THE CANDLE AT BOTH ENDS?
WHAT DID HE MEAN BY THAT?
HE DOES KNOW!
BUT WHAT IF HE DOESN'T?
LOOK AT HIM...JUST SITTING THERE... WAITING FOR ME TO SPILL MY GUTS.
IN A WAY IT MIGHT BE A RELIEF TO JUST GET IT OUT IN THE OPEN.
NO SECRET IDENTITIES... NOT HAVING TO WORRY THAT THE WORLD MIGHT FIND OUT THAT PETER PARKER IS SPIDER-MAN.
IS KEEPING A SECRET IDENTITY REALLY THAT IMPORTANT? HAS IT REALLY PROTECTED THE ONES I LOVE FROM MY ENEMIES?
WHAT REAL GOOD HAS THE COSTUME, THE MASK, EVER REALLY DONE ME?
HOW LIBERATING WOULD IT BE JUST TO TELL THE WORLD THAT I AM SPIDER-MAN?
WHAT ABOUT SPIDER-MAN?
DID I SAY THAT OUT LOUD?
ER... NOTHING... IT'S JUST THAT --
COME BACK WHEN YOU HAVE A COMPLETE THOUGHT, PARKER.

ELSEWHERE...
HE IS KRAVEN THE HUNTER.
LIKE HIS FATHER AND BROTHER BEFORE HIM, HE WAS HUNTED EVERY SPECIES KNOWN TO MAN...
...AND HAS TRIUMPHED.
HE LIVES FOR THE HUNT.
AND NOW, BECAUSE OF A BUSINESS ARRANGEMENT MADE WITH THE SINISTER SIX...
...HE FINDS HIMSELF THE HUNTED.
VENOM.
HE WOULD BE A TRULY WORTHY OPPONENT.
PERHAPS MY GREATEST CHALLENGE.
I WILL NOT BE HUNTED.
BUT I WILL HUNT.
SUCH A HUNT MUST HAPPEN ON MY TERMS.
THERE WILL BE BAIT NECESSARY.
SOMETHING TO LURE VENOM EXACTLY WHERE I WANT HIM.
AND THAT BAIT WILL BE...
THUD
...SPIDER-MAN!

MEANWHILE...
I REALLY HANDLED THAT ONE WELL!
MAYBE JONAH WILL CHALK UP MY BABBLING TO MARY JANE'S DISAPPEARANCE.
OR...
...MAYBE HE DOES KNOW!
THIS IS GOING TO DRIVE ME CRAZY!
HOW DO I FIND OUT? WHAT KIND OF GAME IS HE PLAYING?
HEY...IS THAT RANDY ROBINSON TALKING WITH ROBBIE?
I HAVEN'T SEEN HIM IN FOREVER!
IT'S THE LAST TIME, DAD. I JUST NEED --
I'M SORRY, SON, BUT NO!
IT'S ALWAYS "THE LAST TIME" AND THEN NOTHING CHANGES.
YOUR MOTHER AND I HAVE DISCUSSED IT AND WE'RE DRAWING THE LINE HERE.
I'M SORRY.
HELLO, PETER! I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE IN TODAY! HOW ARE YOU FEELING...ALL THINGS CONSIDERED?
BEEN BETTER.
SORRY, SON.
YOU REMEMBER RANDY, DON'T YOU?
YEAH. I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU SINCE YOUR WIFE MOVED TO...
IT WAS CALIFORNIA AND SHE LEARNED THAT THEY'VE GOT SOME PRETTY GOOD DIVORCE LAWS OUT THERE.
SORRY.
IT'S OKAY. GUESS DAD WAS RIGHT AGAIN. WE WERE TOO YOUNG WHEN WE MARRIED.
DAD'S ALWAYS RIGHT!

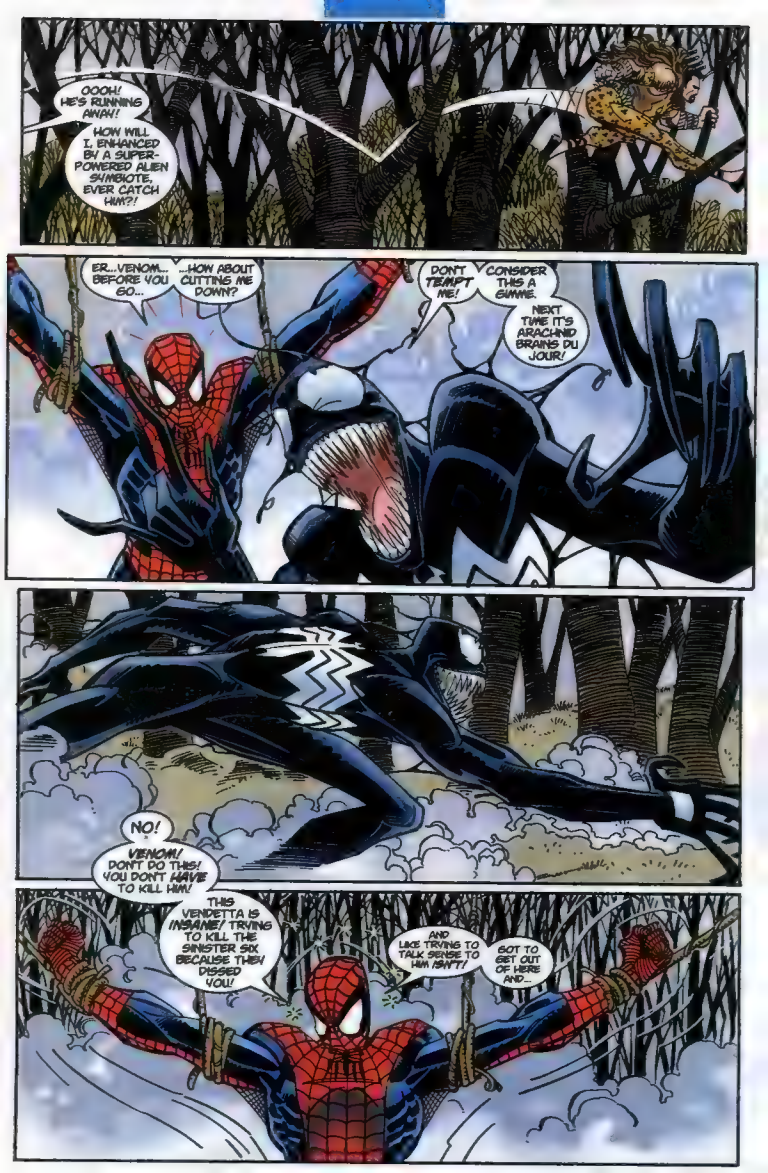
PING
YEAH... WELL... THERE'S MY ELEVATOR.
NICE SEEING YOU AGAIN, RANDY. SEE YOU AROUND, ROBBIE.
PETER, WAIT! I'VE GOT SOMETHING FOR YOU.
HUH?
JONAH WANTED ME TO GIVE THIS TO YOU, BUT HE DIDN'T WANT IT KNOWN THAT IT WAS HIS IDEA.
STILL TOO BUSY TRYING TO MAINTAIN HIS REPUTATION, BUT HE KNOWS THAT... WELL, THINGS HAVE BEEN TOUGH ON YOU LATELY... AND...
WHAT IS IT?
WELL, WE KNOW THINGS HAVE BEEN TOUGH SINCE MJ... AND YOUR JOB... AND WE ALL KNOW ABOUT YOUR FINANCIAL PROBLEMS... AND THIS MORATORIUM ON THE SPIDER-MAN PHOTOS CAN'T BE HELPING, SO WE THOUGHT --
A HANDOUT, ROBBIE?
NO, PETER. YOU SHOULD THINK OF IT MORE AS A COMPENSATION FOR --
I'D RATHER NOT THINK OF IT AT ALL. THINGS ARE TOUGH RIGHT NOW, ROBBIE, BUT THEY'LL WORK OUT. THEY ALWAYS DO.
THANK YOU, AND THANK JONAH, BUT... NO THANKS.
JONAH'S IDEA...?
THIS HAS GOT YOU WRITTEN ALL OVER IT, DAD!
YOU DO THIS FOR HIM AND YET YOUR OWN SON...
IT'S DIFFERENT.
THAT WAS PROBABLY THE STUPIDEST THING I'VE EVER DONE.
I COULD REALLY USE THE MONEY... NO MATTER HOW MUCH OR LITTLE IT WAS. THE RENT IS DUE... AND IF I DON'T PAY IT...
...CAN'T THINK ABOUT THAT NOW. I NEED SOME FRESH AIR... NEED TO BE UP HIGH... I NEED...

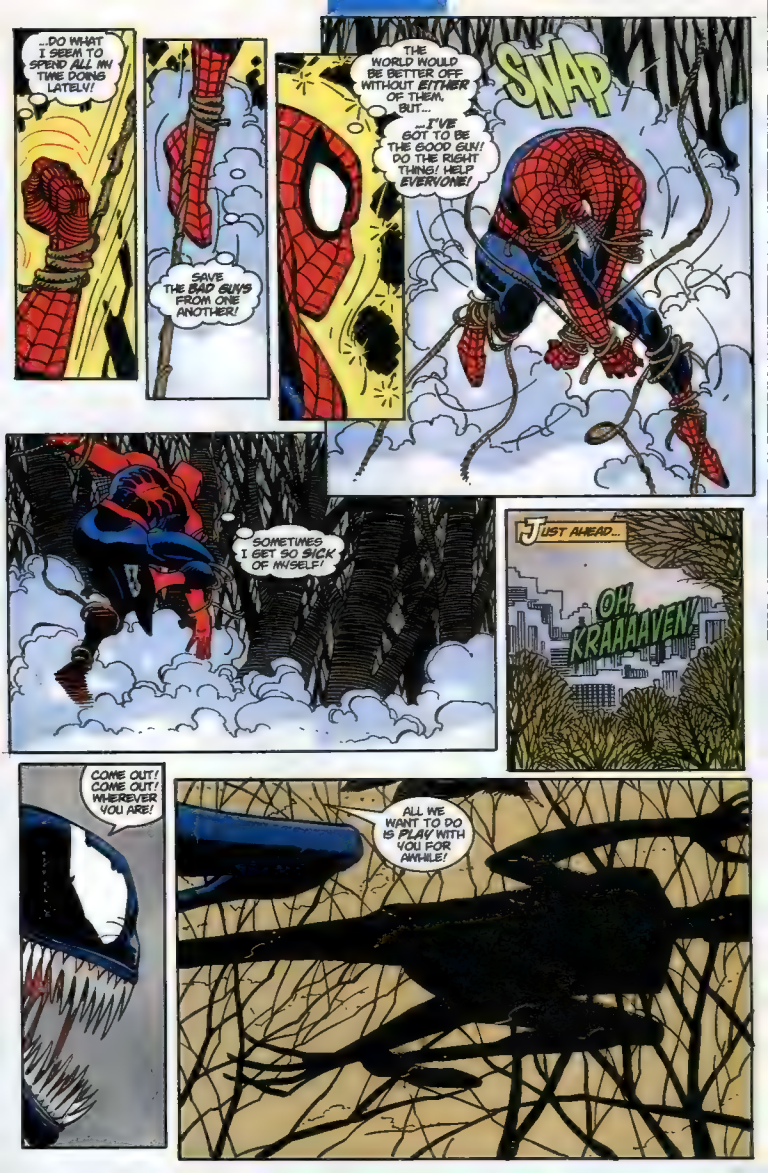
...TO BE SPIDER-MAN!
ACTUALLY, WHAT I REALLY NEED...
...IS TO TAKE DOWN SOME BAD GUY!
IT'S AMAZING HOW THAT ALWAYS MAKES ME FEEL BETTER NO MATTER WHAT IS GOING ON IN MY LIFE!
I WONDER IF I HAVE ANGER ISSUES?
UH-OH! BETTER BE CAREFUL FOR WHAT YOU WISH!
SPIDER SENSE KICKING IN BIG TIME!
AND THERE GOES THE WEB LINE!
BUT IT'S NOT LIKE I HAVEN'T BEEN IN FREE FALL BEFORE. ALL I'VE GOT TO DO IS --
THUD
THUD
THUD
UGPH!
THAT'S NOT GOOD...SOME SORT OF... POISONED... DARTS...
LOSING... IT...
CAN'T... FIGHT...
OH...
...POOP!
KRAVEN...

A SHORT TIME LATER, IN CENTRAL PARK...
WAKE UP, SPIDER-MAN!
IT'S TIME FOR YOU TO SERVE YOUR PURPOSE!
OH, HI, REGIS...DIDN'T RECOGNIZE YOU... I'M READY TO USE MY LIFE LINE!
BY THE WAY...THAT KATHIE LEE IS A BABE!

DON'T BOTHER TRYING TO FREE YOURSELF
SPECIAL ROPES. MORE SPECIAL DRUGS.
YOU ARE BAIT.
SO SQUIRM.
I'LL BE NEARBY.
BAIT?
FOR WHAT?
HI, HONEY...
...WE'RE HOME!

MISS US?
SO MANY OPTIONS, SO LITTLE TIME!
WE COULD KILL YOU...AND FINALLY BE DONE WITH YOU. BUT...
...THE POET IN OUR SOUL WON'T ALLOW THAT.
WE COULD TAKE THAT MASK OF YOURS OFF AND FIGURE OUT WHY THE ITCH IN THE FRONT OF OUR BRAIN SAYS WE SHOULD KNOW YOU! BUT, ULTIMATELY...
...WHO CARES? WE CERTAINLY SEEM TO RUN INTO EACH OTHER ENOUGH.
MUST BE THE SOCIAL CIRCLES WE KEEP.
OR YOU COULD JUST BORE ME TO DEATH AND KILL ME WITH YOUR BREATH. MEANWHILE, YOU HAVE NO IDEA WHAT YOU JUST WALKED INTO. K --
SHHH! BUT WE DO KNOW!
WHAT?
WE...


OOOH! HE'S RUNNING AWAY!
HOW WILL I, ENHANCED BY A SUPER-POWERED ALIEN SYMBIOTE, EVER CATCH HIM?!
ER...VENOM... BEFORE YOU GO...
...HOW ABOUT CUTTING ME DOWN?
DON'T TEMPT ME!
CONSIDER THIS A GIMME.
NEXT TIME IT'S ARACHNID BRAINS DU JOUR!
NO!
VENOM! DON'T DO THIS! YOU DON'T HAVE TO KILL HIM!
THIS VENDETTA IS INSANE! TRYING TO KILL THE SINISTER SIX BECAUSE THEY DISSED YOU!
AND LIKE TRYING TO TALK SENSE TO HIM ISN'T?
GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE AND...


...DO WHAT I SEEM TO SPEND ALL MY TIME DOING LATELY!
SAVE THE BAD GUYS FROM ONE ANOTHER!
THE WORLD WOULD BE BETTER OFF WITHOUT EITHER OF THEM. BUT...
...I'VE GOT TO BE THE GOOD GUY! DO THE RIGHT THING! HELP EVERYONE!
SNAP
SOMETIMES I GET SO SICK OF MYSELF!
JUST AHEAD...
OH, KRAAAAVEN!
COME OUT! COME OUT! WHEREVER YOU ARE!
ALL WE WANT TO DO IS PLAY WITH YOU FOR AWHILE!

BULLPEN BULLETINS

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AMAZING SPIDER-MAN ANNUAL '00

A renegade member from the strange sect known as the Scriers has kidnapped little Normie Osborn! And despite Liz Allen's protests, Spider-Man swings off in search for the tyke, only to encounter a solitary figure on a rooftop. Could it really be Harry Osborn? But he's dead... isn't he? By HOWARD MACKIE and KLAUS JANSON!

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It's a new story arc — set in the time when Spider-Man was bouncing around in his mysterious black costume! Spidey joins forces with mercenary Silver Sable! But why is the wall-crawler involved in some international intrigue? By TOM DEFALCO and RON FRENZ!

Hi, Heroes!

Let's start off with a letter from Thomas Banchella, all the way from Paris, France...

"If the Invisible Woman loses a hair while she's invisible, does the hair turn visible or, even though it's off her head, will it remain invisible forever?"

You may think you've stumped me, Tom, but I've got the answer. The hair will remain invisible — unless it has dandruff! And, the cool part about this is, I can make up any answer I want because people can't prove I'm wrong -- unless they happen to know some invisible person who lets them cut off a hair for themselves!

Here's another Tom, Thomas W. White of Oak Forest, IL who misses the old days ..

"I miss the days of the great Annual crossovers like "Atlantis Attacks" and The Evolutionary War," etc. What ever happened to those great comicbook "events?' Have they become yet another victim of time and change?"

Good news, Tommy Boy! Not only have those landmark events not become victims of anything, but Marvel has a whole kaboodle of new ones on the drawing boards! Y'see, the guys who do the strips are the same as our readers -- they too are frantic fans, and you can bet that they want what you want! Just stay tuned, Believer!

Now, from down under, Robert Bruno of Perth, Australia poses this unusual query..

"After reading some comics, I realized that public heroes like the FF and Avengers are probably listed in the phone book. Well, what if someone called to report a mugging, robbery, break-in or other non-world-threatening crime? Would the heroes ignore the call because the crime wasn't big enough?"

I'm gonna just guess at the answer, Bob, because the heroes are so scattered around that I haven't time to look 'em up and ask them. But I don't think they'd refuse to help anyone who was really in a jam, whether it was a world-threatening crime or not. Although, if Wolverine caught a shop-lifter, our writers might ignore that particular story! Oh, and by the way, who said they're listed in the phone book?

Carl Friesen of N. Vancouver, Canada sure has a clonnnng memory. Here's why.

"What ever happened to the Merry Marvel Marching Society? I want to join!"

Carl, Carl, Carl! The ol' MMMS was disbanded more than two decades ago! But I've gotta admit I loved it. Y'know what, maybe I can get the goofy gang at Marvel to bring it back again! Till then, you can always join "Scuzzie" at the stanlee.net website. Just think, today Scuzzie! Tomorrow, the MMMS! After that, the World!

Speaking of the World, I'd give the world to have time and space for more questions, but even though it's probably breaking the hearts of fans everywhere, our moment of parting is at hand. Still you can always take comfort in the fact that the ol' Soapbox is like comicdom's comforting security blanket, and there'll always be another one next issue. With that happy thought sustaining us, let's welcome our No-Prize Laureates and greet them with those magic words: Make Mine Marvel!

Excelsior!

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BULLPEN BITS #45 BY CHRIS GIARRUSSO

WARREN, WHY DO THEY CALL YOU ANGEL?
WELL...UH! IT'S 'CAUSE HE'S GOT GIANT WINGS!
WELL, THAT'S NOT REALLY WHY.
THEY CALL ME ANGEL BECAUSE I'M GOD'S GIFT TO WOMEN!
YOU'RE SO ARROGANT AND CONCEITED!
YEAH!
AH, YOU ONLY SAY THAT BECAUSE I'M POPULAR AND GOOD-LOOKING.
CGIBO

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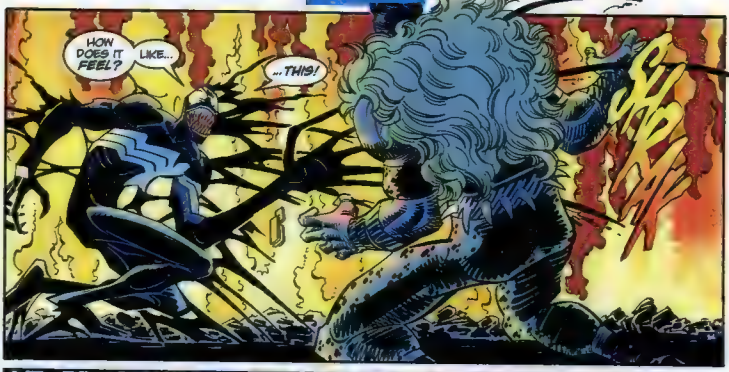
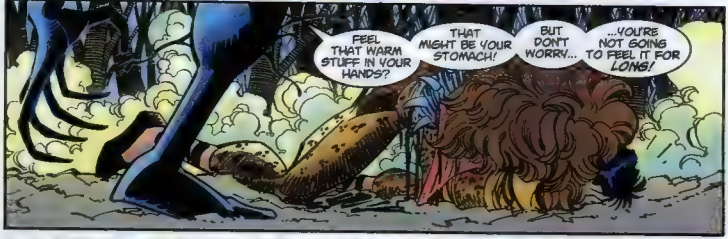
AND THE SILENT HUNTER STEALTHILY EMERGES FROM THE FOLIAGE.
HIS PREY STANDS NO CHANCE.
SHEAK
A DEATH BLOW IS DELIVERED.
THE HELPLESS VICTIM CAN FEEL THE POISON ALREADY COURSING THROUGH HIS SYSTEM.
WHAT WILL HE DO? WHAT... -:COUGH:- WILL... -:GAG:- HE... DO...?
PERHAPS REMIND HIS PREY THAT SPEARS, POISON... NONE OF HIS NORMAL BAG OF TRICKS WILL WORK ON US?
REMIND HIM THAT OUR SYMBIOTE BEGAN REPAIRING THE WOUND AS SOON AS IT WAS INFLICTED!
THAT WE EAT POISON FOR BREAKFAST!
NOT REALLY... BUT WE COULD!
YOU WILL DIE, MONSTER!
AND I WILL HANG YOUR HEAD UPON THE WALL OF MY FATHER'S HOUSE!

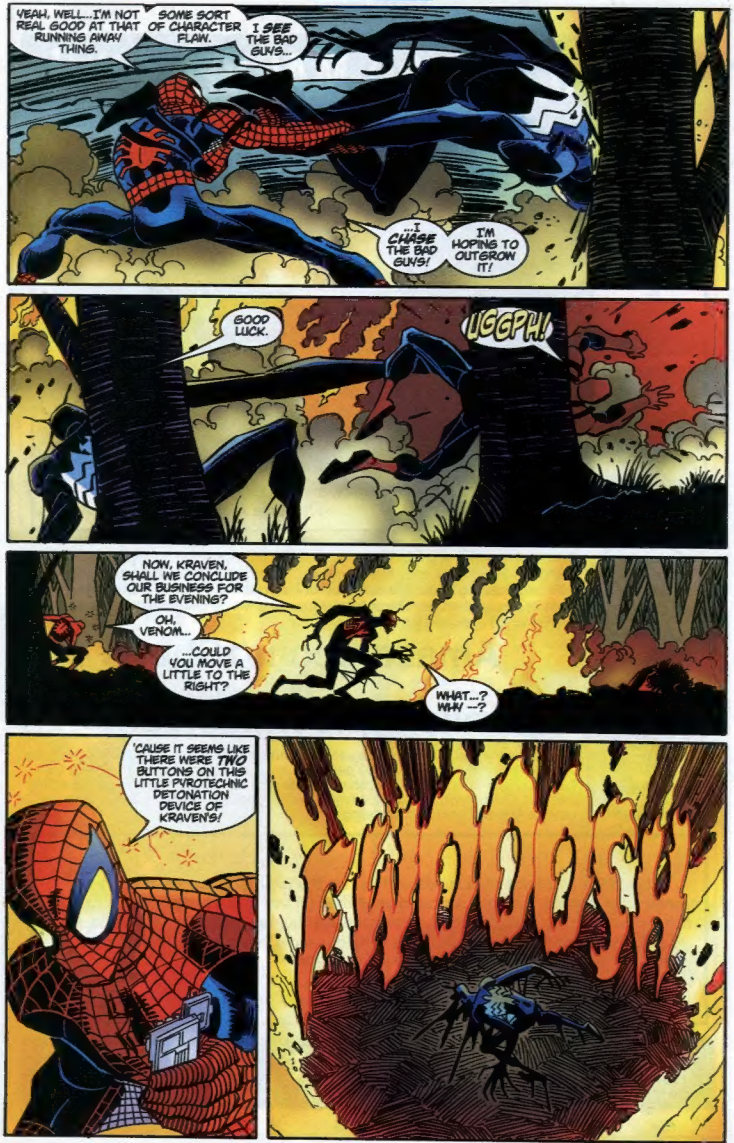
YOU SURPRISE US.
WE THOUGHT YOU WOULD BE FAR EASIER THAN EITHER SANDMAN OR ELECTRO.
IT'S A POWERS THING.
AND YET... HERE YOU ARE STILL ON YOUR FEET!
YOU KNOW NOTHING OF ME.
OF THE LIFE I LIVED.
OF THE TERRORS I HAVE SURVIVED.
THE OTHERS FEARED YOU.
I PITY YOU!
YOU PITY US?!
WHY IS THAT?
BECAUSE, LIKE ALL THE PREY I HAVE FACED...
FWOOOSH
...YOU HAVE FALLEN INTO MY TRAP!
HOW DOES IT FEEL, VENOM?
TO KNOW THAT, WITH A FINAL PUSH OF A BUTTON, THE WALLS OF FLAME WILL CLOSE IN ON YOU? I UNDERSTAND YOUR SYMBIOTE DOESN'T LIKE FIRE!
I RESEARCH MY PREY.


HOW DOES IT FEEL? LIKE...
...THIS!


FEEL THAT WARM STUFF IN YOUR HANDS?
THAT MIGHT BE YOUR STOMACH!
BUT DON'T WORRY...
...YOU'RE NOT GOING TO FEEL IT FOR LONG!

ENOUGH, VENOM!
YOU'VE MADE YOUR POINT!
YOU THINK I WAS TRYING TO MAKE A POINT?!

HERE ARE FIVE POINTS I'VE GOT JUST FOR YOU!
YOU SHOULD HAVE JUST RUN AWAY WHEN YOU HAD THE CHANCE!


YEAH, WELL...I'M NOT REAL GOOD AT THAT RUNNING AWAY THING.
SOME SORT OF CHARACTER FLAW.
I SEE THE BAD GUYS...
...I CHASE THE BAD GUYS!
I'M HOPING TO OUTGROW IT!
GOOD LUCK.
UGGPH!
NOW, KRAVEN, SHALL WE CONCLUDE OUR BUSINESS FOR THE EVENING?
OH, VENOM...
...COULD YOU MOVE A LITTLE TO THE RIGHT?
WHAT...? WHY --?
'CAUSE IT SEEMS LIKE THERE WERE TWO BUTTONS ON THIS LITTLE PYROTECHNIC DETONATION DEVICE OF KRAVEN'S!
FWOOOSH

AIIIEEE!
KRAVEN! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
IT'S OVER! HE'S TRAPPED!
I NEED TO GET YOU TO A DOCTOR BEFORE YOU BLEED TO DEATH --
NO.
IT IS NOT OVER!
NOT UNTIL I HAVE HIS HEAD!
I WILL NOT BE DENIED THE TROPHY!
ARE YOU INSANE?!
IF THE BLOOD LOSS DOESN'T KILL YOU...
...THE FLAMES, OR VENOM WILL!
I DO NOT FEAR PAIN... OR DEATH!
NOT AFTER ALL I HAVE BEEN! ALL I HAVE BEEN THROUGH! ALL I HAVE CONQUERED!
I MUST HAVE THE KILL!
I MUST FEEL THE LIFE DRAIN FROM MY PREY...SEE THE EYES GO BLACK IN DEATH!
SORRY!...
...NOT TODAY!
WOW! THE VULTURE ALWAYS CREEPED ME OUT. BUT THIS GUY IS SOMETHING ELSE... MAYBE WORSE.

I ONLY HAVE THE STRENGTH TO DEAL WITH ONE PSYCHOPATH TODAY!
I THOUGHT YOU WERE LIKE YOUR FATHER...
...A MAN OF HONOR.
BUT YOU'RE NOTHING MORE THAN A KILLER.
YOU KNOW NOTHING OF ME.
THE WORLD IS A VICIOUS PLACE, SPIDER-MAN. WE MUST CONSUME IT BEFORE IT CONSUMES US.
LOOK AT WHAT IT DID TO MY FATHER.
I WON'T... LET IT... HAPPEN... TO...ME...
HOO HAH! SPIDER-MAN!
SEEMS LIKE YOU'RE IN A CLASSIC CONUNDRUM HERE!
WHAT'S IT GOING TO BE? STICK AROUND AND WAIT TO FINISH ME OFF, CART ME TO JAIL... IF YOU CAN SURVIVE... OR...
...SAVE ONE OF YOUR MOST HATED ENEMIES?
HAHAHA!
OF COURSE!
YOU WIN. BUT YOU LOSE!
SLEEP WELL TONIGHT, WEB-SLINGER!
I'LL BE LOOKING FOR YOU!

LATER THAT DAY...
MAN! I NEVER THOUGHT I'D BE SO TIRED THAT I'D BE LOOKING FORWARD TO PLOPPING DOWN IN THAT LICE-INFESTED BED OF MINE!
IF I'M REAL QUIET I SHOULD BE ABLE TO SNEAK PAST THE LANDLORD AND --
RRRK
WHAT THE --?
MY STUFF! WHAT'S IT DOING OUT HERE?!
NO RENT.
NO ROOM.
CLEAR YOUR JUNK OUT OF THE FRONT OF MY BUILDIN' OR I'M CALLING THE SANITATION DEPARTMENT!
WONDERFUL!
WHAT AM I GOING TO DO?
WHAT MORE CAN HAPPEN TO ME?
OF COURSE.
THE END